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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
YOSHIHARU WAKAO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: STELLING, LUCAS  
SERIAL NO.: 10/567,682 :  
FILED: FEBRUARY 9, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1797  
FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING SHIP :  
BALLAST WATER

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

On December 2, 2008, Applicants' representative conducted a personal interview with Examiner Stelling and Examiner Savage to discuss the April 25, 2008 Office Action and Applicants' October 16, 2008 Amendment. Applicants' summary of the substance of the personal interview is set forth below.

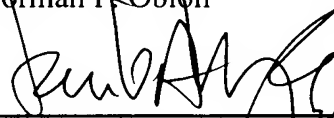
During the personal interview, Applicants representative argued that the outstanding rejections should be withdrawn for at least the reasons set forth in the October 16, 2008 Amendment. The Examiners agreed to carefully reconsider the outstanding rejections in view of the arguments set forth in the October 16, 2008 Amendment and the arguments made during the personal interview. The Examiners indicated that a further Office Action or Notice of Allowance would follow in due course.

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Statement of Substance of Interview

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the personal interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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